

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

KEURIG, INCORPORATED,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	C. A. No. 07-17 (GMS)
)	
KRAFT FOODS GLOBAL, INC.,)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
TASSIMO CORPORATION, and)	
KRAFT FOODS INC.,)	
)	
Defendants)	

**TASSIMO CORPORATION'S ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIMS TO
PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT
AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

In its Complaint filed January 10, 2007, Plaintiff Keurig, Incorporated ("Keurig") makes allegations collectively against all three defendants in this civil action. Defendant Tassimo Corporation ("Tassimo"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby answers individually and only for itself the allegations of the Keurig's Complaint and asserts its defenses and counterclaims as follows:

I. ANSWER

THE PARTIES

1. On information and belief, admitted.
2. The allegations of Paragraph 2 are directed to a party other than Tassimo, to which no answer is required. To the extent a response may be required, Tassimo admits the allegations set forth in Paragraph 2 of the Complaint.
3. Admitted that Tassimo is a Delaware Corporation with a mailing address of P.O. Box 6361, Dover, Delaware 19905. Tassimo denies that it is a subsidiary of Kraft Foods Inc.

4. The allegations of Paragraph 4 are directed to a party other than Tassimo, to which no answer is required. To the extent a response may be required, Tassimo admits the allegations set forth in Paragraph 4 of the Complaint.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5. Admitted.

6. Admitted.

7. The allegations in Paragraph 7 of the Complaint require a legal conclusion and are directed at a party other than Tassimo, and therefore no answer is required. To the extent a response may be required, Tassimo admits that Kraft Foods Global, Inc. is incorporated in Delaware and has business contacts with this judicial district, including the sale of products that are accused of infringement.

8. Admitted that Tassimo is incorporated in Delaware and has business contacts with this judicial district, including the sale of products that are accused of infringement. The remaining allegation of Paragraph 8 of the Complaint requires a legal conclusion concerning which no answer is required.

9. The allegations in Paragraph 9 of the Complaint require a legal conclusion and are directed at a party other than Tassimo, and therefore no answer is required. To the extent a response may be required, on information and belief, Tassimo denies that Kraft Foods Inc. has business contacts with this judicial district, including the sale of products that are accused of infringement.

10. Tassimo admits for itself that venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391, 1400. The remaining allegations of Paragraph 10 of the Complaint are directed to parties other than Tassimo, to which no answer is required. To the extent a response may be required for the remaining allegations, on information and belief,

Tassimo admits that venue is proper with respect to Kraft Foods Global, Inc., but Tassimo denies venue is proper with respect to Kraft Foods Inc.

COUNT I

11. Tassimo's answers to the allegations of the Complaint above are restated as though fully set forth herein.

12. Admitted that a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,607,762 ("the '762 Patent") is attached to the Complaint as Exhibit A. Tassimo lacks sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations set forth in Paragraph 12 of the Complaint, and therefore denies them.

13. Admitted that Tassimo sells beverage media, including, but not limited to, coffee, in beverage filter cartridges under the registered trademark TASSIMO® and that such cartridges are sometimes referred to as T DISC® beverage filter cartridges or T DISC® cartridges, under the registered T DISC® trademark. Tassimo denies that the beverage filter cartridges it sells are "commonly referred to as T DISCs." The remaining allegations of Paragraph 13 of the Complaint are directed to parties other than Tassimo, to which no answer is required. To the extent a response may be required for the remaining allegations, Tassimo admits that Kraft Foods Global, Inc. sells beverage filter cartridges under the trademarks TASSIMO® and T DISC® but Tassimo denies that Kraft Foods Inc. sells beverage filter cartridges under the trademarks TASSIMO® and T DISC®.

14. Denies.

15. Denies.

16. Denies.

17. Denies.

18. Denies.

RELIEF REQUESTED

A-G. Tassimo denies that Keurig is entitled to any relief, including the relief requested in paragraphs (A) through (G) of the Complaint. Accordingly, Keurig's prayer for relief should be denied in its entirety and with prejudice, and Keurig should take nothing therefore.

II. DEFENSES

First Defense

19. Tassimo has not infringed, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, any valid claim of the '762 Patent.

Second Defense

20. One or more claims of the '762 Patent are invalid because they fail to satisfy at least one of the conditions for patentability specified in Title 35 of the United States Code, including, *inter alia*, §§ 101, 102, 103, and/or 112.

Third Defense

21. Keurig is barred from recovering damages prior to the filing of this action for failure to satisfy the marking requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 287(a).

Additional Defenses

22. There may be additional defenses to the cause of action alleged by Keurig that are currently unknown to Tassimo. Therefore, Tassimo reserves the right to amend its Answer to allege additional defenses in the event discovery of other information indicates they are appropriate.

Exceptional Case

23. This is an exceptional case under 35 U.S.C. § 285 and, as such, Tassimo is entitled to recover from Keurig, Tassimo's attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection with this action.

Demand for Jury

24. Tassimo hereby demands a trial by jury as to all fact issues in this civil action.

III. COUNTERCLAIMS

PARTIES

25. Counterclaimant Tassimo Corporation, is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a mailing address of P.O. Box 6361, Dover, Delaware 19905.

26. On information and belief, counterclaim defendant Keurig, Incorporated is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with a place of business at 101 Edgewater Drive, Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880.

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27. The counterclaims include claims for declaratory judgment of patent non-infringement and patent invalidity, and jurisdiction is proper under the Federal Declaratory Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202, the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 100 *et seq.*, concerning actions related to patents, and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338.

28. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391.

COUNT I - DECLARATORY RELIEF REGARDING NON-INFRINGEMENT

29. Based on the filing by Keurig of this civil action and Tassimo's defenses, an actual controversy has arisen and now exists between the parties as to whether or not Tassimo has infringed any valid claim of the '762 Patent.

30. In its Complaint, Keurig contends that it is the owner of the '762 Patent.

31. Pursuant to Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202, Tassimo requests a declaration from the Court that Tassimo has not infringed any valid claim of the '762 Patent, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

COUNT TWO - DECLARATORY RELIEF REGARDING INVALIDITY

32. Based on the filing by Keurig of this civil action and Tassimo's defenses, an actual controversy has arisen and now exists between the parties as to the validity of each of the claims of the '762 Patent.

33. In its Complaint, Keurig contends that it is the owner of the '762 Patent.

34. Pursuant to Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202, Tassimo requests a declaration from the Court that one or more claims of the '762 Patent are invalid for failure to comply with the provisions of the patent laws, 35 U.S.C. § 100 *et seq.*, including, but not limited to, at least one of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103, and/or 112.

IV. EXCEPTIONAL CASE

35. This is an exceptional case under 35 U.S.C. § 285 and, as such, Tassimo is entitled to recover its attorneys' fees and costs, incurred in connection with this action, from Keurig.

V. DEMAND FOR JURY

36. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 28, Tassimo hereby demands a trial by jury as to all fact issues in this civil action.

Respectfully submitted,

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